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PERFORMANCE OF DRDO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has appreciated for its high standard of performance and delivery of weapons for Defence Services;

(b) if so, whether DRDO was apprised that the delay at development stage may run the risk of obsolescence of weapons;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether DRDO, Indian Airlines and Armed Forces jointly can enhance and modernize the Defence Production System;

(e) whether DRDO was assured all help for rapid development of Defence Industry; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Sir. DRDO has made significant contributions towards development of tactical and strategic weapon systems for Defence Services. Many of the systems have already entered serial production and induction.

(b) & (c): DRDO ensures that the weapons, at the time of offering to Users for trial and induction, are state-of-the-art technologies and are not obsolete.

(d) to (f): Yes, Sir. DRDO has been supported and encouraged by the Government for rapid development of defence industries. DRDO has also offered technical help to Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and Ordnance Factories in smooth absorption of various technologies for production of weapon systems. Modernization of Defence Production System is an ongoing task with DPSUs, Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) and also through involvement of private sectors.